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1. IN MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK JANUARY 21, I
REFERRED TO INDICATIONS BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND JAKARTA OF
INDONESIAN CONCERN REGARDING POSSIBLE DIRECTIONS OF NEW
ADMINISTRATION.

2. I SAID I WAS CERTAIN THAT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE AND
NEW ADMINISTRATION WERE FULLY CONSCIOUS OF IMPORTANCE OF
INDONESIA AND OF ASEAN TO UNITED STATES. ASEAN AREA
FORTUNATELY WAS NOT CRISIS REGION AND, THEREFORE, WAS NOT
ATTRACTING AS MUCH ATTENTION AND PUBLIC COMMENT AS OTHERS.

3. WE HOPED INDONESIA WOULD UNDERSTAND NEW ADMINISTRATION
WOULD REQUIRE TIME TO REVIEW DETAILS OF BILATERAL RELA-
TIONSIPS INCLUDING SUCH QUESTIONS AS FUTURE CONSULTATIONS
AS WELL AS U.S.-ASEAN DIALOGUE. WEHN SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS

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WERE REACHED OR PAST ARRANGEMENTS RECONFIRMED, FOREIGN
MINISTER COULD REST ASSURED HE WOULD BE PROMPTLY INFORMED.

4. MALIK SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD
NEED TIME TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC POLICIES. INDONESIA DESIRED
CONSULTATIONS IF THAT WAS DESIRE OF NEW ADMINISTRATION BUT
HE WOULD NOT PRESS MATTER.

5. HE DID WISH TO SAY THREE THINGS TO NEW ADMINISTRATION:
FIRST THAT INDONESIA DESIRES A CONTINUING U.S. PRESENCE IN
EAST ASIA. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE MEANT EAST ASIA AS A WHOLE
AND NOT JUST SOUTHEAST ASIA OR ASEAN COUNTRIES. SECONDLY,
HE LOOKED FORWARD TO U.S. COOPERATION WITH ASEAN. THIRDLY,
HE HOPED THAT SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WITH INDONESIA THAT HAD
EXISTED UNDER PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS GOING BACK TO 1966
WOULD CONTINUE UNDER CARTER ADMINISTRATION.
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